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S.B. No. 1039

A BILL TO BE ENTITLED

AN ACT

relating to the provision of bilingual election materials.

BE IT ENACTED BY THE LEGISLATURE OF THE STATE OF TEXAS:

SECTION 1. Chapter 272, Election Code, is amended by adding Section 272.011 to read as follows:

Sec. 272.011. BILINGUAL ELECTION MATERIALS REQUIRED IN CERTAIN POLITICAL SUBDIVISIONS. (a) If the director of the census determines under 42 U.S.C. Section 1973aa-1a that a political subdivision must provide election materials in a language other than English or Spanish, the political subdivision shall provide election materials in that language in the same manner in which the political subdivision would be required to provide materials in Spanish under this chapter, to the extent applicable.

(b) The secretary of state shall prepare the translation for election materials required to be provided in a language other than English or Spanish to the same extent that the secretary of state prepares Spanish translations under Section 272.007.

(c) The secretary of state may adopt rules as necessary to implement this section.

SECTION 2. This Act takes effect September 1, 2011.